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ACCENTURE Tiger Woods will return to golf at a tournament in Arizona in two weeks, according to an Australian newspaper.

A columnist for the Melbourne Herald Sun said Woods will play in the Accenture Match Play Championship Feb. 15 — a tournament put on by one of the embattled golfer's sponsors.

Accenture used Woods as the financial services company's sole celebrity endorser in its advertising before dropping him because of a sex scandal.

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Weapons seized by investigators during a recent gang investigation are laid out at Vancouver police headquarters yesterday. The firearms are evidence in the cases of 14 Lower Mainlanders who have been arrested for gang- and drug-related offences.

14 arrests cripple gang: Cops

Police say more charges coming

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Police have arrested 13 alleged gangsters — and a 14th woman accused of trying to hire a hit man to kill her ex-husband — crippling one of the city's most notorious gangs, authorities said yesterday.

Manjit (Manny) Buttar and Bobby Tajinder Gill, the purported leaders of the Buttar gang, and 11 others have been charged with 125 offences including conspiracy to murder, weapons trafficking and extortion.

Liza Belcourt, a 32-year-old Surrey woman, is charged with hiring members of the Buttar gang to murder her ex-husband.

Around 100 drug-related charges will be laid in the coming weeks, police said.

"This was an extremely challenging investigation," said Vancouver Insp. Brad Desmarais, who oversaw the investigation dubbed Project Torrent.

He added that more than 250 officers from departments across the Lower Mainland collaborated in the investigation.

"Organized crime groups are a cancer on our society," Desmarais said. "They are led by men who have a sociopathic disregard for morals. We'll never let that stand."

Police also revealed 14 weapons — one with a homemade silencer — and a phony Integrated Gang Taskforce jacket they seized while conducting Project Torrent.

RCMP Supt. Dan Malo said investigating gang cases is getting more difficult as the gangsters "become more schooled in police techniques."

"Over the next few weeks police will be speaking to prolific gang members and advising them they can co-operate with police and leave the gang lifestyle or be our next targets for investigation and prosecution," Malo said. "We will not let up on these criminals. More arrests are coming."

Bill Clinton agrees to head Haiti relief, reconstruction

UN Former U.S. president Bill Clinton is accepting an expanded UN role as head of relief and reconstruction efforts in Haiti.

Clinton, already the UN special envoy for Haiti, agreed to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's request yesterday to co-ordinate recovery from the Jan. 12 earthquake. Clinton pledged to work closely with the Haitian government to "achieve the vision they have for their country."

Ban told him the job requires "extraordinary leadership" and no one is better suited than Clinton.

At least 150,000 people have been killed and some one million left homeless, many huddling in crude tents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Igali to light Surrey cauldron

Gold medal-winning wrestler Daniel Igali, left, will light the Olympic celebration cauldron in Surrey on Monday. Igali, who won gold at the 2000 Games in Sydney, is a longtime Surrey resident.

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Nazi footage upsets some torchrunners

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

FILM A video shown to Olympic torchbearers to drum up their excitement is upsetting some because it includes a scene from a propaganda film made for Adolf Hitler.

The video shows a torch runner entering a stadium at the 1936 Olympics in images taken from the film Olympia by Nazi filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl. In the original, thousands of people give the Nazi salute, but in the manipulated VANOC version, a stadium pillar is made wider to obscure the gestures.

Some torchrunners have asked Olympic organizers to stop showing the footage.

VANOC has issued a statement saying the 1936 Games was the place where the torch relay became a part of the modern Olympic Games.

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David Suzuki, right, with alpine skier Kelly VanderBeek at the Pan Pacific Hotel yesterday, awarded the Vancouver Olympics a bronze medal for their environmental efforts.

Olympics nab bronze for green efforts

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

ENVIRONMENT The Games have yet to begin, but VANOC has already been awarded a bronze medal for its environmental efforts.

The David Suzuki Foundation (DSF) said Vancouver's Olympics made it onto the podium because they will primarily use energy from clean sources and will leave a legacy of energy-efficient buildings.

The foundation also said the Games fell short by not leaving a legacy of sustainable transportation and hasn't — at least so far — inspired the public with solutions to climate change.

"A bronze is great, but we could have done better," said David Suzuki. "I'm pleased that we've set a bar now and we can all aim for something higher."

The DSF also applauded VANOC's efforts to offset carbon emissions and its championing of public transit during the Games. It is estimated that the Vancouver Olympics will have reduced its overall emissions by 15 per cent, or 57,000 tonnes of GHG emissions.

Linda Coady, VANOC's vice-president of sustainability, said organizers were happy with the bronze, but hoped the medal would transmute to silver or gold as much of their public outreach is planned for Games time.

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News in brief

FIRE An 18-month-old boy has died after a house fire in Vernon, B.C., that police say was started by children playing with a lighter.

FUNDRAISING Vancouver city council has ratified a suggestion to raise funds for Haiti through the sale of 3,000 Olympic banners. They're expected to bring in $300,000.

ABORIGINALS A group of B.C. First Nations leaders says it will carry out a campaign during the Winter Games to pressure Canada to sign a UN declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples.

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Help is here for navigating traffic chaos

Learn how to get around town in midst of Olympics

BeatTheTraffic

Michel McDermott

"Traffic chaos!" "Gridlock!" These are just a couple of phrases we are all too used to hearing as the 2010 Olympic Games creep closer. Are you prepared? Do you know what to expect? Are you stressing out?

Relax. Let's take this day-by-day together. I've been calling the drive to and from work as a traffic reporter in Vancouver for 10 years. For the last two, I've been breaking down your commute on Citytv's Breakfast Television. Before that, I worked for some of the city's top radio stations.

Okay, I'll admit it — I'm a total traffic geek. I love dissecting the commute, foreseeing problems and warning people about them. On BT I have detailed 2-D Maps of the entire Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley, cameras at every major thoroughfare, access to the team at News 1130 Traffic and a great network of commuters like you.

So check in with me daily right here for the latest traffic snarls, commute success stories and transit information during the Games.

Don't forget, tomorrow we lose the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts, so plan on leaving extra early or using transit. Some of the alternate routes like Pender and Hastings streets as well as Broadway and West 2nd will likely be busier than usual.

We'll discuss how it all went and your best ways around the closures in Monday's issue.

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No Obama, less stress for Games security

DIGNITARIES The head of the 15,000-person strong Olympic security force is breathing a sigh of relief after Tuesday's announcement that U.S. President Barack Obama is not heading to Vancouver for the 2010 Games.

RCMP Assistant Comm. Bud Mercer said guarding the U.S. president would have created a "security challenge" for the Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit (ISU).

"It's a large task, but it's not an insurmountable task," said Mercer, during a press briefing yesterday. "It's business as usual for our police force and our partners.

"It's a large task, but it's not an insurmountable task."
RCMP Assistant Comm. Bud Mercer, on guarding the U.S. president during the Games

"It certainly — I won't lie to you — would have made things more complex, but we would have done it."

On Tuesday, the White House announced that Vice-President Joe Biden and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden, would lead the U.S. delegation to the opening ceremonies on Feb. 12.

Mercer, however, would not rule out the possibility that Obama might appear: "You can never confirm that," he said. "Right now I have no information that he is coming."

Mercer said about 40 internationally protected people will require security escorts during the Games, but declined to identify them.

"There is a whole list of other IPPs who are coming that are going to make life interesting."

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News in brief

AUTO RECALL Toyota's recent recall of millions of cars because of "sticky gas pedals" will not affect Vancouver's Yellow Cabs. The company had received notice of the problem a month and a half ago and had its fleet of taxis examined at that time.

TRANSPORT COUNCIL Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts has stepped down as chair of the Mayor's Council on Regional Transportation, making way for Langley City Mayor Peter Fassbender.

FIRE DEATH An 83-year-old man died in a Cranbrook house fire early yesterday despite his son's attempt to rescue him through a bedroom window. Claude Thompson, an amputee, may have died from smoke inhalation.

HIT-AND-RUN The family of an elderly woman killed in a hit and run in Burnaby has taken the victim's remains back to the Philippines. Virginia Itubay, 72, was killed while crossing Willingdon Avenue near Kitchener Street on Jan. 21.

DRUGS A 45-year-old truck driver from Abbotsford was arrested at the Huntingdon border crossing after officers found cocaine in vacuum bags drenched in transmission fluid.

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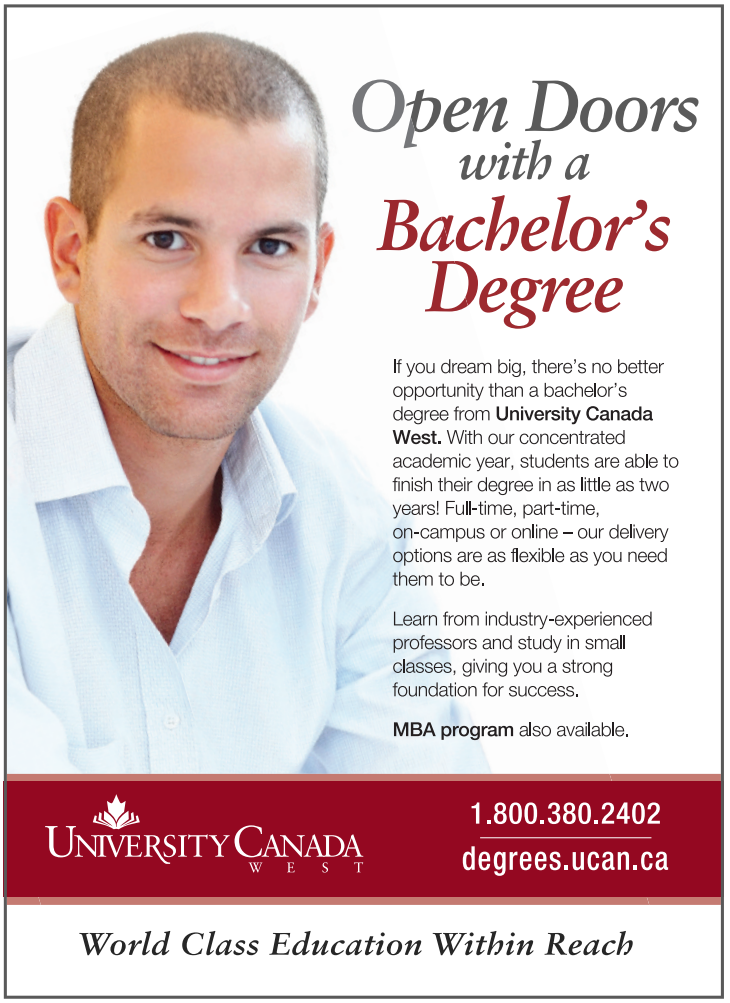
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Cruise ship cancellation leaves youth with nowhere to stay

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VANCOUVER 2010 Games

An Ontario youth with a terminal illness is looking for a place to stay in Vancouver after the cruise ship meant to serve as a floating hotel during the Vancouver Olympics was cancelled.

Mathew Egan, 19, who is suffering from cerebral palsy, was one of the patients planning to stay aboard the Norwegian Star, the cruise liner chartered by Newwest Travel.

His mother, Dale Egan, said the trip to Vancouver sponsored by the non-profit Starlight Children's Foundation meant a lot to her son.

"How important (is it to Mathew)? On a scale of one to 10? I'd say 100. This has been his wish for as long as I can remember," she said.

"His life is hockey, he lives and breathes hockey, — it's all he enjoys."

SUBMITTED PHOTO
Mathew Egan

A group of children with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, also booked aboard the cruise ship, have been offered accommodation elsewhere after news of the cancellation broke.

Dale said it'll be harder to help Mathew because he is in a wheelchair and weighs 300 pounds.

"Everybody in the house is either upset or angry or crying, it's not been fun since we found out," Dale said.

Starlight B.C. regional co-ordinator Heather Burnett said the organization is working to grant Mathew his wish.

"It will happen. It just boils down to a matter of cost. But that's an additional $4,000 ... we will do it regardless, but it is a really big cut to us, when budgets are already behind," she said.

Starlight's annual budget is under $100,000, Burnett added.

World-class perks: Olympic helpers claim tickets

STIG NIELSEN
for Metro Vancouver

Olympic volunteers formed a line that snaked around a city block yesterday to claim their free tickets for the opening ceremonies dress rehearsal.

Aron, who did not give out his last name because volunteers were told not to speak with reporters, was among the thousands waiting to get in to the Olympic Superstore at The Bay where the tickets were given out.

He said he was excited to get an early peek of the opening ceremony.

"It's a great opportunity to see what the Olympics are going to be like and to see the opening ceremonies and the presentations they are going to show us," he said.

Yesterday, Metro reported that some volunteers had put their complimentary tickets up for sale on Craigslist, with some asking as much as $300.

Aron said that not only does he plan to use the ticket, he's also buying an optional ticket for $50 for his girlfriend.

"It's really ridiculous that people sell them. You should be able to take part in this once-in-a-lifetime experience. I don't think it should be allowed."

STIG NIELSEN/FOR METRO VANCOUVER
Olympic volunteers line up along Seymour Street yesterday.

B.C. offering tax cuts for game developers, film studios

ENTERTAINMENT The B.C. government is offering new tax breaks for video game makers and expanding tax credits for film companies to try to keep work in the province.

The government says the tax credits, which still need to be approved by the legislature, will help keep B.C. competitive in an industry that contributes more than a billion dollars to the provincial economy each year.

B.C. is the third-largest film and television production centre in North America, after Los Angeles and New York, and hosted a total of 260 productions in 2008.

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Quebec says no to paying volunteer doctors in Haiti

Quebec Health Minister Yves Bolduc has turned down a request by some of the province's doctors that each be reimbursed $704 per day for volunteer work in earthquake-ravaged Haiti. Bolduc said it would set a precedent for other groups that want to donate their time for free. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Tories aim to cancel parliamentary breaks

Faced with mounting criticism over its decision to prorogue Parliament, the Conservatives are moving to cancel week-long breaks once MPs return to the Commons next month. The decision, which needs approval by all parties, would force MPs to sit through a period when many of them take time off with their families. The Conservatives have seen a sustained drop in popularity since Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, announced on Dec. 30 he was suspending Parliament to recalibrate the government's agenda. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Censure Tories: Scholar

Professor says opposition should demand Afghan docs

A top constitutional scholar is urging opposition MPs to use the drastic and rarely-invoked parliamentary power of censure to pry uncensored documents on Afghan prison abuse out of the Harper government's hands.

Errol Mendes, a law professor at the University of Ottawa, told an ad-hoc committee of opposition MPs yesterday that the government's refusal to hand over the documents is unconstitutional and "makes a mockery of Parliament."

He said they have a duty to hold the Conservatives to account, especially on questions as serious as the country's conduct during the war.

The government has refused to turn over defence and foreign affairs records to the special House of Commons committee on Afghanistan, saying the documents contain sensitive and classified information that can't be shared with MPs without secret clearance.

"For the first time I know in Canadian history, the executive is saying we are superior to Parliament."
Errol Mendes, University of Ottawa

"The core complaint that I see that you have is that executive is really placing itself above Parliament, Mendes said. "For the first time I know in Canadian history, the executive is saying, 'We are superior to Parliament.'"

Just before Parliament recessed for Christmas, the Liberals pushed through a motion that would have required the government to produce the records or face a motion of censure.

Louis Riel was the last MP to face parliamentary censure in Canada — well over a century ago.

Riel, the leader of the Red River Rebellion by the Metis, was called to the bar of the Commons for his role in the uprising. He was expelled from Parliament on April 16, 1874 and later hanged for leading the Northwest Rebellion in 1885.

The Liberal motion disappeared when Prime Minister Stephen Harper prorogued Parliament and reset the agenda for a throne speech on March 3.

Retired colonel Michel Drapeau, a military legal expert, also implored the opposition not to give up.

"I believe Parliament needs to leave no stone unturned in order to get to the bottom of this story," he said.

The Afghanistan committee was officially dissolved when Harper suspended Parliament. But opposition parties decided to continue with informal hearings.

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Ontario **Fantino charge dropped**

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Activist Gary McHale with his wife, Christine, at the courthouse in Cayuga, Ont., yesterday. McHale says the Crown did not have the right to yesterday withdraw a charge he brought against OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino, who was charged with trying to influence municipal officials in connection with the occupation in Caledonia. McHale said he's seeking a review in Superior Court.

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Ottawa **Security meeting**

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Security certificate detainee Abousfian Abdelrazik appears at an unofficial meeting of the Commons foreign affairs committee held by opposition parties on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday.

Agency has a problem: Cannon

RIGHTS Amidst bitter internal turmoil, accusations of political meddling and a growing storm of international protest, Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon is conceding that a government-funded rights agency has a "governance problem."

Cannon says he wants to meet with Aurel Braun, chair of Rights and Democracy, to get a handle on the problems that have made headlines.

"I can tell you that I intend to have a discussion in the very near future with the chairman of Rights and Democracy in order to get this view and his perspective of things," Cannon said yesterday. "Obviously there seems to be a governance structure problem here. So I'll be looking at that."

But at the same time, Cannon sought to distance himself from the troubles that have raised questions about the independent and non-partisan mission of the agency.

"I want to make one thing perfectly clear. I do not intervene in terms of the discussions that are held at the board level," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

N.S. Premier Dexter overspent: Auditor

FUNDS Premier Darrell Dexter, who has forged a reputation as a prudent fiscal manager, was one of several Nova Scotia politicians who filed expense claims that were flagged as "excessive" by the provincial auditor general, his office said yesterday.

Jacques Lapointe

Auditor general Jacques Lapointe released a report that found some politicians used taxpayers' money to buy items including custom-made furniture, cameras and an espresso maker in a political scandal that bore some of the hallmarks of one that rocked Newfoundland and Labrador nearly four years ago.

The report left members of all three main political parties in full damage control mode as they attempted to deflect uncomfortable questions about the appropriateness of their spending habits, even though Lapointe declined to name names.

A spokesman for Dexter, who was out of the country on vacation, said the premier wanted it known that he was among those singled out by Lapointe for his spending practices. Shawn Fuller said it was Dexter who spent $2,150 on a digital camera and the $5,501 Dexter spent was for two laptops.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SURGERY Premier Danny Williams was sequestered in an undisclosed U.S. hospital yesterday as he prepared for a medical procedure that has triggered ridicule south of the border about Canada's health system but support at home for the popular politician.

KHADR The Conservative government will not be asking the United States to send prisoner Omar Khadr home to Canada, despite a Supreme Court ruling last week that found his Charter rights were — and continue to be — violated.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Obama's aunt bids for asylum in U.S.
U.S. President Barack Obama's aunt will make a second bid for political asylum in the U.S. Kenya native Zeituni Onyango moved to the U.S. in 2000. Her first asylum request was rejected and she was ordered deported in 2004. But she did not leave and continued to live in public housing in Boston. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Former dictator awarded millions

In an embarrassment to Switzerland's government, the country's top court said yesterday that at least $4.6 million US in Swiss bank accounts previously awarded to Haitian charities must be returned to the family of Haiti's ex-dictator Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier, left. The amount of money contested could feed more than a million Haitians for two weeks. Many Haitians accuse Duvalier and his entourage of robbing millions from public funds before he was ousted in 1986. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Haitian parents say they willingly gave up kids

Desperate parents in a struggling village perched above Haiti's earthquake-flattened capital said they gave their children away willingly, trusting the American missionaries who promised to take them to a better life.

The stories the villagers told The Associated Press yesterday contradict claims by the Baptist group's leader that the children came from orphanages or were handed over by distant relatives. The 10 Baptists, most from Idaho, were arrested last week trying to take 33 Haitian children across the border into the Dominican Republic.

Haiti Crisis

"It's only because the bus was full that more children didn't go."
Melanie Augustin, who said she gave her daughter, 10, to a U.S. church group

Isaac Adrien, 20, told his neighbours the missionaries would educate their children in the neighbouring Dominican Republic, the villagers said, adding that they were also assured they would be free to visit their children there.

"It's only because the bus was full that more children didn't go," said Melanie Augustin, who gave her 10-year-old daughter, Jovin, to the Americans. Ironically, Augustin had adopted Jovin because her birth parents couldn't afford to care for her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

U.S. Foreign dictators, high-living bureaucrats and arms dealers are still able to funnel millions of dollars in potentially corrupt money into the United States despite post-Sept. 11 laws cracking down on money laundering, according to a Senate investigation. The Senate Homeland Security Committee's permanent subcommittee on investigations has summoned several lawyers, real-estate agents and bankers involved in the financial transactions to a hearing today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New genocide charges for Sudan's president?

NETHERLANDS The International Criminal Court will again consider charging Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir with genocide in Darfur, after an appeals panel ruled that judges made an "error in law" when they refused to indict him on that charge last year.

"He should get a lawyer," court prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo said after the ruling yesterday.

He accused al-Bashir of keeping 2.5-million refugees from specific ethnic groups in Darfur in camps "under genocide conditions, like a gigantic Auschwitz."

The appeals decision — which said the burden of proof should be lower when prosecutors seek an indictment than when they try to secure a conviction at trial — fuelled hopes among human-rights activists that prosecutors will indict other leaders around the world for atrocities. Moreno Ocampo welcomed the decision to reopen the genocide case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wrong conclusion

- An appeals chamber said the International Criminal Court wrongly concluded in March that there was insufficient evidence to charge al-Bashir with three counts of genocide for allegedly attempting to wipe out entire ethnic groups in the war-ravaged province of Darfur.

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Citizenship denied over wife's veil

FRANCE Authorities are denying citizenship to a man who forced his wife to wear a face-covering veil, saying he had rejected national values of secularism and gender equality. The French government is moving toward banning veils in public. Little is known about the man or his wife. News reports said the man is a Moroccan citizen and a member of the hard-line Tabligh missionary movement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guantanamo Uighurs to get a home in Switzerland

Switzerland is giving a home to two Chinese Muslim brothers detained at Guantanamo Bay for nearly eight years. The brothers, Arkin Mahmud and Bahtiyar Mahnut, are among seven Chinese Muslims, or Uighurs, who remain at Guantanamo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rio de Janeiro **Don't be blue, it's Carnival time**

FELIPE DANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A man works on a Carnival float from the Grande Rio samba school in Rio de Janeiro yesterday. Brazil celebrates carnival from Feb. 12 to 16. The Rio Carnival begins with the crowning of the Fat King (King Momo), who is presented with a giant silver and gold key by the city's mayor.

Caught – over a 'Catch Me' con?

Remember that 2002 film Catch Me If You Can?

A former public defender printed $1 million in bogus payroll checks so he could gamble at casinos, police say.

"This was a little reminiscent of Catch Me If You Can," New Orleans sheriff's spokesperson Lt. Ed Baswell said yesterday, referring to the film about cheque forger and con artist Frank Abignale Jr.

Charles Bradford, 47, has had no fixed address since getting out of jail in 2006, is wanted in Arkansas, California, Florida, Kansas and Ohio, and may have operated in other states.

Baswell said Bradford allegedly would go to a casino town, check the phone book for local businesses, create counterfeit payroll checks — often using logos taken from their websites — and recruit people to cash them.

"This was a little reminiscent of Catch Me If You Can."
Lt. Ed Baswell

He also was accused of selling firearms to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

"Apparently in 1987, his mother passed away, and he kind of uses that as a reference point as to when he began a life of crime," Baswell said.

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Stabbed children looked like they were sleeping, police say

TRAGEDY A woman allegedly stabbed her two young sons to death, then calmly held her wrists out to police who arrived at her home and told them "I just killed my babies."

Elyse Marsyl Colon, 22, was being held in San Antonio, Tex., on two counts of capital murder of a child for allegedly killing three-year-old Jose Luis Garcia and one-year-old Guillermo Garcia.

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The children "looked like they were sleeping," the police chief added.

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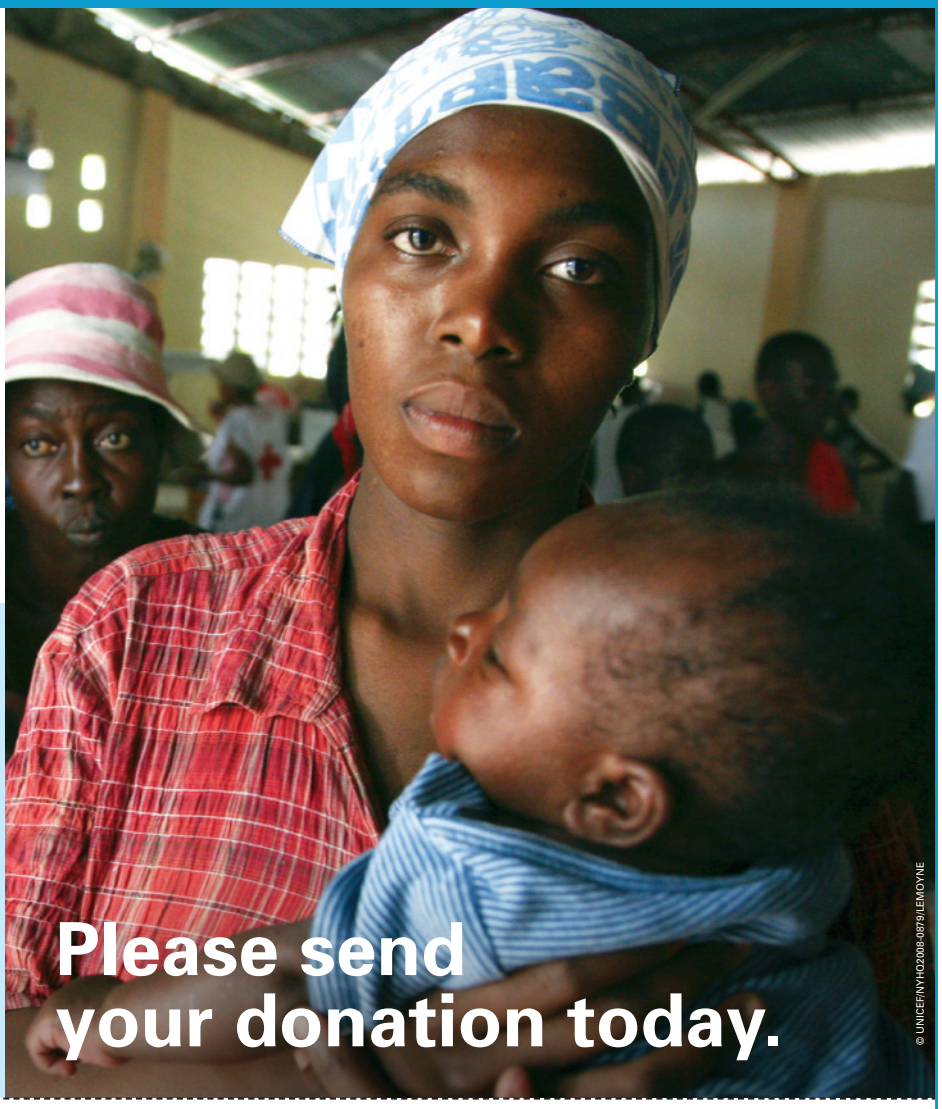

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Comment

Pronoun may be key to happiness

Relating

According to the latest cutting-edge relationship science from the University of California, Berkeley, the key to peace, love and happiness for couples is using the word "we," instead of divisive singular pronouns like "I," "me" and "you," which may ramp up conflict.

Psychologists observed 154 couples in conversations about relationship conflicts and found that couples who tended to use "we" more also tended to have fewer negative emotional and physiological reactions over the course of the conversation.

The word seemed to have a soothing effect on the partners and create a sense of togetherness, although I'm sure there are context-based exceptions (Classics like "We need to talk," or "We should see other people," come to mind).

Simple, right?

Maybe, but before you go "we, we, we" all the way home, let us try to square this insight with other research into pronoun choice at the University of Texas.

James Pennebaker, developer of language analysis software called Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count, has found when people lie, they tend to use fewer first-person pronouns in order to distance themselves from the bogus statements. By, um, replacing "I" with "we," for example.

So, do these studies, taken together, suggest deception is the secret to a happy relationship? Some of us would be more surprised than others to discover that was the case.

Pennebaker and colleagues have also noted that women tend to use "we" more than "I" in everyday speech. This does not make women more (or less) apt to be lying, of course. So, is the message to men either that they should prevaricate more or just be more like women? It seems less than helpful, either way.

It's not hard to imagine circumstances in which all this "we" business could cause more trouble than it solves. It's probably a little much on the first date, for example.

Beware also the dreaded "royal we," with which a dominant partner increasingly presumes to speak for the couple.

And then there's the flipside of the royal — the patronizing "diminutive we." Sample usage: "Are we a little grumpy today?" Don't do it. I implore you.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Why women's studies programs are needed

FourthWave

Last week, the National Post published an editorial in response to reports that women's studies programs across Canada are either being cut or renamed to gender studies.

The paper revelled in this news, taking the opportunity to blame these university programs and its professors for causing "untold damage to families, our court systems, labour laws, constitutional freedoms and even the ordinary relations between men and women."

The editorial went on to blame feminists for: Hiring quotas, diversity training, spousal and child support, higher taxes, universal daycare, state-run education — and for painting men as victimizers, thus making them the real victims of feminism.

The column's inflammatory charges are evidence of why feminism is still needed. A more troubling concern, however, is how its authors used arguments built as sturdily as a house of cards.

Ideologies contentious within the feminist community are cited as widely held beliefs — the most egregious example is the Post's example of writer Andrea Dworkin, whom it says deemed all heterosexual, penetrative sex as oppressive. In fact, Dworkin's theory refers to mainstream cultural depictions of sex in which violence is intrinsic to what makes it erotic. That's a big difference.

This is a failure of journalistic responsibility to its readers. The Post wouldn't dare publish that all men are rapists or that all Muslims are pants-exploding terrorists with flimsy proof. Yet, feminists can only be as good as their worst, most radical peers.

On Tuesday, Post columnist Barbara Kay declared feminism to really be "about affirmative action for girls and women, at boys' and men's expense," and that "the revolution is over. Women won." Women's studies programs address not just domestic issues, but the status of women around the world. Have women really won if the most disadvantaged ones can't be guaranteed necessities such as education, shelter, health care or work?

It's a terrible myth that feminists want to trod all over men.

These studies aren't dangerous because they aim to bring down men, but because they encourage reflection on the cultural, historical, social, economic and political forces that shape our identities. That eternal need to understand who we are as individuals and as a society guarantees the need for gender studies, no matter what name it goes by.

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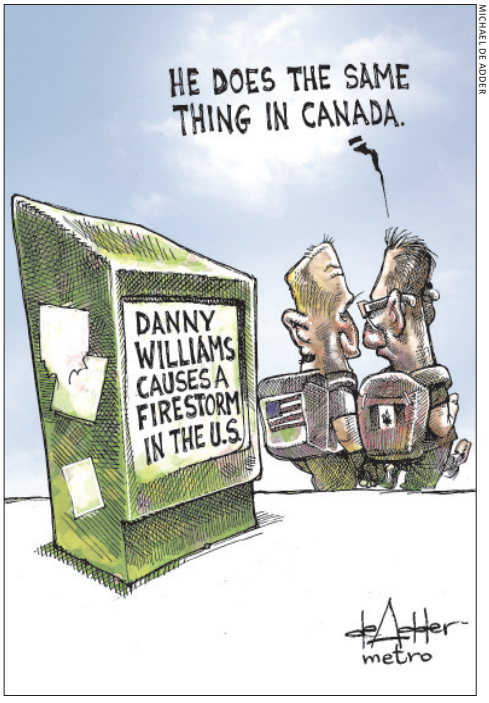

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RBC's online guidance and planning section can help investors.

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Building a long-term portfolio isn't as hard as you might think, as long as you have the right tools to help you along the way.

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"You don't want to put all your eggs in one basket, so understanding what your asset mix should be is the starting point for any level of investor." Jason Storsley

Jason Storsley, president and CEO of RBC Direct Investing, says the best place to get started is with RBC's online guidance and planning section, which lets you set up tailored learning plans that illuminate every stage of the investment process for you in a personalized way.

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Business

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Cuts, growth won't kill deficit: Ex-official

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty faces a dilemma in preparing for the March 4 budget — to what extent will it be a political or economic document.

So far, Flaherty has maintained he can balance the budget in the not-too-distant future without raising taxes, without cutting transfers to provinces and individuals, and without deep, painful cuts to government programs.

In doing so, Flaherty would count on steady economic growth to increase government revenues to such an extent that five, six, seven or eight years down the road — and poof, there goes the deficit.

The approach has political appeal because it tells voters they don't have to give up anything.

Approach

- A group of economists who met with Flaherty on Tuesday suggested the deficit may be tacked within five-to-eight years without taking draconian measures.

But several former policy-makers who were involved the last time Ottawa eliminated a stubborn fiscal deficit say it can't be done without pain and higher taxes.

And they say the minister would be doing Canadians a service by coming clean.

Former Liberal finance minister John Manley, former deputy finance minister Scott Clark and parliamentary budget watchdog Kevin Page, also a former Finance official, told a panel discussion yesterday that the deficit, now a small problem, could become a big one if plans aren't made to tackle it soon.

And they argue, while some estimates of a chronic $20-billion deficit five years down the road doesn't sound like a big problem, it's unlikely the government can grow the economy enough to erase it.

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Maine **Metal for the pedal**

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Dan Daigle, service manager at Lee Toyota, holds a shim that will be used to repair springs in the gas pedal systems of recalled Toyota automobiles, yesterday, in Topsham, Maine. Toyota has issued the parts to fix sticky gas pedals, but the 4.2 million customers affected by the recall will have to wait until technicians are trained. Now complaints about brake problems with the Prius hybrid are surfacing.

AIG to pay big bonuses: Report

BAILOUT American International Group Inc. is set to pay out about $100 million US in a fresh round of bonuses to employees of its financial products division, the unit whose risky bets helped sink the company leading to a $180-billion government bailout, according to reports published Tuesday.

AIG agreed to cut the retention bonuses by $20 million, but was still to hand out $100 million yesterday, The New York Times reported, citing people with knowledge of the negotiations.

AIG is still due to pay out tens of millions of dollars more in March, reports said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In **brief**

LAYOFFS AbitibiBowater's insolvent British subsidiary, Bridgewater Paper, has laid off a third of its workers after being placed under court protection from creditors. Administrators Ernst & Young said 108 of the central England paper mill's 300 employees have been temporarily laid off.

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Sports

Hitchcock fired

The Columbus Blue Jackets have fired coach Ken Hitchcock, left, and replaced him with Claude Noel on an interim basis. Hitchcock held the job since November 2006 and led the franchise to its first playoff berth last season, but the Blue Jackets have struggled this year and sit 14th in the Western Conference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sale of Argos to Lions owner still up in the air

CFL Howard Sokolowski and David Cynamon still own the Toronto Argonauts — at least for now.

The proposed sale of the Argos to B.C. Lions owner David Braley wasn't approved by the CFL's board of governors yesterday. That's because work continues on the proposed deal.

A league official said if an agreement was reached yesterday evening, the matter could be added to the agenda when league officials reconvene today in West Palm Beach, Fla., for the final day of meetings.

Even if the Argos sale isn't approved at the meetings, the general belief around the CFL is it's not a matter of if Braley will purchase the franchise, but when.

Cynamon and Sokolowski have spent much of the off-season kicking around the idea of selling the franchise or securing additional business partners to help offset their mounting losses.

A CFL source said at least one group has inquired about purchasing the Argos and had a representative meet with Cynamon and Sokolowski.

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Standings shaken up

Pair of losses knock Ontario out of top spot at Scotties

Krista McCarville seemed to be the team to beat heading into yesterday's action at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts, coming off an emphatic win over Prince Edward Island that gave her sole possession of first place in the standings.

What a difference a day makes.

McCarville dropped both her games yesterday and fell into a tie for second place after 14 draws at the Scotties.

One-day meltdowns are becoming a trend at this year's edition of the Canadian women's curling championship. On Monday, Jennifer Jones' Canada rink dropped a pair of games after entering the day's action undefeated at 3-0.

McCarville dropped decisions to Manitoba's Jill Thurston in the morning draw and Sharon Cormier of the Northwest Territories/Yukon in the afternoon draw.

P.E.I. took advantage of McCarville's stumble and moved into first overall at 7-2, while Ontario fell into a second-place tie with Canada and Manitoba at 6-3.

"When you lose your first game, you wouldn't mind a little bit of a break just to regroup and forget about it," McCarville said. "Everyone is doing the same thing though, it's not an excuse. Now we just have to regroup for tomorrow."

Being near the top of the standings heading into the final day of the round robin is key for the McCarville rink as the playoff round kicks off on Friday.

"We're still in the hunt, which is a good thing," McCarville said. "We only have three losses so it's still in our control. We don't have to worry about other teams winning or losing for us. It's still in our hands."

As Draw 14 wrapped up, the big game of the day saw Kathy O'Rourke's P.E.I. rink take over sole possession of first place with a 9-5 win over Canada.

"After last night's game against Ontario, we didn't play very well," said O'Rourke. "They beat us pretty soundly ... We got together this morning and just said, 'Girls, we've got to start making shots or people are going to start beating us.'

"We came out really strong this morning against Quebec and just tried to carry that through against Team Canada."

Said Jones: "Obviously (P.E.I.) played very well. We just had the bad finish to the game and that's not characteristic of us. It was a bad ninth end. I wish we could play it over again but we can't, so we'll have to come out sharper tomorrow."

Other Draw 14 action saw New Brunswick's Andrea Kelly defeat Alberta's Valerie Sweeting 9-3. New Brunswick scored three in the sixth end to break open the game.

B.C.'s Kelly Scott defeated Nova Scotia's Nancy McConnery 8-7 in 11 ends. Nova Scotia scored a pair in the eighth end to open up a 7-4 lead. B.C. tied things up in the tenth end with a pair.

Manitoba defeated Northwest Territories/Yukon 8-6.

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Team Prince Edward Island skip Kathy O'Rourke throws her rock as lead Tricia Affleck, left, and Geri-Lynn Ramsay sweep while playing against Team Quebec yesterday in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Sports in brief

NHL Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Mike Komisarek will undergo season-ending shoulder surgery, ending his plans to represent the United States at the Vancouver Olympics.

SOCCER Spain has kept the top spot in FIFA's world rankings, and Africa Cup of Nations winner Egypt surged into the Top 10. European champion Spain is followed by Brazil and Netherlands in standings published yesterday. Canada is tied with Poland after falling one spot to 57th.

BOXING Floyd Mayweather Jr. finalized a deal yesterday to fight Sugar Shane Mosley May 1 in a welterweight bout at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas.

SOCCER Jermain Defoe's hat trick sent Tottenham into the FA Cup fifth round with a 3-1 victory over third-tier Leeds yesterday.

BASEBALL Casey Kotchman and the Mariners have agreed to a one-year contract worth $3,517,500 US, settling Seattle's last salary arbitration case this year.

NHL The Carolina Hurricanes have activated defenceman Joe Corvo while placing forward Tuomo Ruutu on injured reserve.

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No Jamaican bobsled team?
Jamaica's bid to get its four-man bobsled into the Winter Olympics appears to have failed. A preliminary list of sleds that have entered the Olympics, obtained by The Associated Press yesterday, did not show Jamaica in the field. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vancouver Games

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Sliding into place

Hollingsworth in position to win skeleton gold

The track is clear for Mellisa Hollingsworth to bring home Olympic gold in skeleton.

The 29-year-old Alberta slider with the horse skull on her helmet leads a strong Canadian contingent to the Vancouver Olympics, racing Feb. 18-19.

Hollingsworth obliterated all comers on this year's World Cup circuit: Seven podium finishes in eight races and two gold medals.

The woman from Eckville, in the foothills of central Alberta, is the top-ranked skeleton slider in the world.

"To have success on such diverse tracks all over the world is key," said Hollingsworth, who won a bronze medal at the Turin Olympics in 2006.

On the web
Learn more about Mellisa Hollingsworth in an interactive profile at **metronews.ca/olympics**

"That shows my driving skills, my ability, my equipment — everything is on track. You just build on that momentum."

The highest-rated men's slider on the six-athlete squad is Jon Montgomery.

And if Hollingsworth and her 5,000-watt smile is the face of the team, then the 30-year-old tousle-haired redhead from Russell, Man., is its heart.

When the team was formally announced in the packed gym at Calgary's Olympic Heights elementary school, Montgomery, palms out at ankle level, zipped up the aisle, high-fiving — or more accurately low-fiving — the cheering flag-waving students. Teammates followed suit and the energy level went through the roof.

"I have all the tools necessary to get it done. It's just a matter of putting it all together on race day," said Montgomery.

He heads to his first Olympics after a season that saw him ranked fifth overall, including a win in Cesana. He won the pre-Olympic test event in Whistler last February.

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Mellisa Hollingsworth competes in the FIBT Bob & Skeleton World Cup Nov. 20 at the Olympic Sports Complex in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Other skeleton stars to watch

- **Martins Dukurs, Latvia:** The 25-year-old slider grew up on the country's one track, in Sigulda. He won half the races on the World Cup circuit this year, and is ranked No. 1.
- **Kerstin Szymkowiak, Germany:** The 32-year-old "Ice Tiger" makes her first Games appearance and comes in on a roll. She was on the podium in the last five World Cup races and is ranked third.
- **Shelley Rudman, England:** The 28-year-old won silver in Turin in 2006 and heads to Vancouver ranked No. 2 overall.

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Plaza 88 a urban living dream

Suite **Talk**

A new development in the Lower Mainland is being labelled the future of easy eco-friendly urban living.

Plaza 88, which is located directly above the New Westminster SkyTrain station, offers residents the convenience of waking up, zipping downstairs to the lobby and taking the SkyTrain without ever going outside. As a bonus, the lobby doubles as a 200,000-square-foot shopping centre.

Info

- Visit the presentation centre at 901 Columbia Street
- Call a sales team at 604-519-9188
- Visit marinusliving.com

Seen here are some artists's renderings from Plaza 88, above the New Westminster Skytrain station.

"We are living in a new age with urban commuter shopping," said New Westminster Mayor Wayne Wright. "Plaza 88 is the future of living in an urban environment and the convenient and sustainable concept has established a benchmark for other cities to follow."

Plaza 88 will host retailers including Safeway and Shoppers Drug Mart, financial institutions like the Royal Bank and CIBC, and entertainment titan Landmark Cinemas, which is planning to open a 10-screen multiplex.

The new residential and retail development has transformed the New Westminster station into the largest rail station in Canada.

"This development is the way of the future with nothing like this in North America, where elevated rapid transit is fully integrated with major shopping and a large residential complex," said TransLink spokesperson Ken Hardie. "This fits with the vision for SkyTrain community stations, where the community has a feeling of ownership in and around the stations and where crime has disappeared."

Rising 340 feet above the retail centre and SkyTrain station are three 32 to 36-storey towers. Since condos start at the 10th floor, every home has views of the Fraser River, Mount Baker or the North Shore.

Plaza 88 offers one-, two- and two-bedroom plus den suites, all featuring gourmet kitchens and attractive amenities including a state-of-the-art fitness centre and a shared party lounge.

Together the towers hold approximately 650 suites and the first two towers are completely occupied. Homes in the third tower start in the low $300,000s. Developer Plaza 88 Developments say they've already sold 60 per cent of the third tower.

What's your winter wishlist?

HomeScape

Sylvia Putz

metronews.ca/homescape

Do you feel cold and chilled in your own house? Perhaps not so much when you're moving about, but at those times when you're reading, or camped out in front of a computer screen, reading, typing away with icy fingers and a cold nose.

Bah, at times like this I hate the winter. I love the way it can look, all white-covered and lacy, and I enjoy it immensely when I'm physically engaged, as in skating, or skiing or snowboarding. But I hate the feeling of being chilled through to the bone.

Here's my wish list, and alternatives for those of you who, like me, are looking for a shot of heat during the cold season.

- **Heated floors:** Ahhhh. Nothing better than stepping out of bed onto a warmed floor. If a heated floor isn't going to work for you, use rugs.
- **Heated towel bars:** To make towels and clothes warm, but also to heat up the bathroom so stepping out of the shower into cool air is not so downright unpleasant. If that's not a possibility, you could always try the dryer (or even a microwave) to warm up clothes and towels.
- **Toilet?** A heated toilet seat is a nice touch.
- **Mm, fire:** Fireplaces that radiate heat. No replacement for that wonderful winter luxury.
- **Sauna or hot tub:** If you can't find these luxuries at home, go and take advantage of one elsewhere, such as a fitness centre, for example. On a very cold day, it may be just the thing to warm your cockles.

Of course, there are long-term heat and money-saving fixes you should undertake in your house to keep it warmer in the winter:

- **Keep the cold out:** Make sure you have windows/doors and walls that don't let in the cold. Just hold your hand, palm side facing the window, and check for drafts. If you find them, caulk or cover over with a temporary clear plastic coating (kits available in most hardware stores).

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Style

Tee to help Haiti

To help raise funds for Haiti, Jacob has designed a special T-shirt that will be sold for $15 at all of its Jacob and Jacob Connexion stores across the country starting Friday. One hundred per cent of the proceeds will go to Oxfam for the reconstruction of Haiti; the goal is to reach $150 000. Designed by Jacob's graphic design team, the image on the shirt shows a helping hand shaped by hand-written sentences, several of which are in Haitian Creole.

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It's all in the *genes*

Edgy label Genetic Denim gets wider release in Canada

ANN-MARIE COLACINO
for Metro Canada

Ali Fatourechi knows what women want... Well, at least when it comes to denim.

His styles are worn by the likes of such A-listers as Anne Hathaway, Shakira and Halle Berry and are now making their way (with a wider release starting this month) to Canada.

He is the founder of Genetic Denim, a brand he spent years developing, including a one-year stint of market research.

In 2006, the American-based designer embarked on what he calls a denim tour across the United States to ask mostly women and some men what they wanted in a pair of jeans.

Traveling in a U-Haul across 42 cities for a year might not seem like the most glamorous of ventures, but when you see the end result of Fatourechi's market research it all makes sense.

After interacting with 20,000 consumers, he designed a collection that utilizes top-quality fabrics with washes and cuts from around the world. The brand is designed to actuate each individual's assets while maintaining the ultimate in comfort.

When asked the secret to the jeans' softness, Fatourechi remains covert: "I travelled the four corners of the earth looking to develop the softest fabrics. It's the yarn I use and the mills I work with... that's all I can say."

During a recent visit to Toronto, he also shared some of the key lessons he learned from his travels. "You're only as good as your first five inches below the waistband. If the jeans don't fit within the first five inches below the waistband as a denim brand you're dead in the water.

"(My denim detailing) is for the fashion-forward leader that walks with a swagger and 'owns' what she wears and who she is."
Ali Fatourechi, Genetic Denim founder

"All women care about how their hips, crotch and backside look in a pair of jeans," explains Fatourechi. To address these concerns, his spring/summer 2010 line includes styles like The Shane, a cigarette cut, The Riley, a classic boot-cut, The James, a cigarette cut with zippers, and The Davis, a slouchy cigarette style that is a sexy update of the classic boyfriend silhouette.

The line also includes a variety of jackets, vests, shorts, skirts and even a jogging pant, ranging from $225 to $275.

Once he addressed the major structural aspects of his denim brand, Fatourechi decided to incorporate some unique touches into his pieces. The first begins with the brand's name, which is a reference to human DNA, "The only thing that makes you unique in this world." That message is also embedded in the actual clothing with DNA helix and "XX" or "XY" embroidery on each item.

Sequined patches under distressed jeans as well as studding, lacing and zippered details are also subtleties that give the brand a "twist," says Fatourechi.

In term of the patches and zippers, he explains, "Tim Burton's Edward Scissorhands inspired that look for me… It's for the fashion-forward leader that walks with a swagger and 'owns' what she wears and who she is."

Where to buy

- Genetic Denim's spring collection debuts at Aritzia stores tomorrow. It will also be available at Holt Renfrew throughout the month. For more information or to purchase online, visit geneticdenim.com.

Genetic Denim's Johnny jean jacket ($278), below; James jeans for women ($238), far left, and Walker jeans for men ($238), far left.

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Garrett faces drug charges
Ex-child star Leif Garrett found himself locked up for two days this week on drug charges. The singer-actor, who reached teen idol status in the 1970s, was arrested Monday at a Los Angeles Metrolink station for possession of a controlled substance, TMZ reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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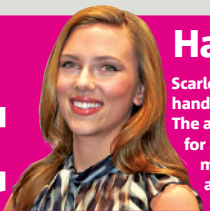

Haiti handbag
Scarlett Johansson has designed a handbag to raise money for Haiti. The actress has sketched designs for a stylish ivory bag with a map print, which will be sold at Mango. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Meaghan follows retro path

Meaghan **Smith**

Album: The Cricket's Orchestra
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●●

THIS WELL-OILED debut LP by London, Ont., native Meaghan Smith follows a retro-path already well trodden by fellow Canadian songstresses Jill Barber, Sarah Harmer and Melissa McClelland. Smith was looking for a sound reminiscent of the '30s and '40s and found it with Toronto-based producer Les Cooper who wove similar magic into Barber's last offering, Chances. The strings, horns and organ add charm without overpowering the light-hearted appeal of Smith's voice. There's nothing wrong with old. As a matter of fact, old is a lot better than a lot of the garbage currently on the radio. Fast-forwarding a few decades, however, might make more sense for Meaghan Smith's next outing.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Martha & The **Muffins**

Album: Delicate
Label: Muffin Music
Rating: ●●●

MARTHA AND THE Muffins used to be Canadian music royalty — they released Echo Beach three decades ago to international acclaim. But that was then. Today you'd be hard pressed to find a new music fan who knows anything about the group. That could change with Delicate, the group's first album in 18 years, which harkens back to the act's new wave roots. Martha Johnson's monotone vocals have barely changed, and the group's thickly layered rock is straight out of the '80s. The music isn't as engaging as it once was, but it's a much better listen than many reunion disc.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Cricket's Orchestra is the debut album from Meaghan Smith.

Album**Reviews**

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The Album **Leaf**

Album: A Chorus of Storytellers
Label: Sub Pop/Outside
Rating: ●●●½

AFTER 10 YEARS of playing dreamy, low-key music, Jimmy LaValle, the man behind The Album Leaf, has finally recorded with a full band. The results are exactly what you'd expect — the songs are more complex and more ambitious than his previous work. He's still producing interesting stuff, but it's not as immediate as his last record and, frankly, a lot of bands are already doing what he's doing. He's lost some of his uniqueness here, but the songs are still as atmospheric as ever.

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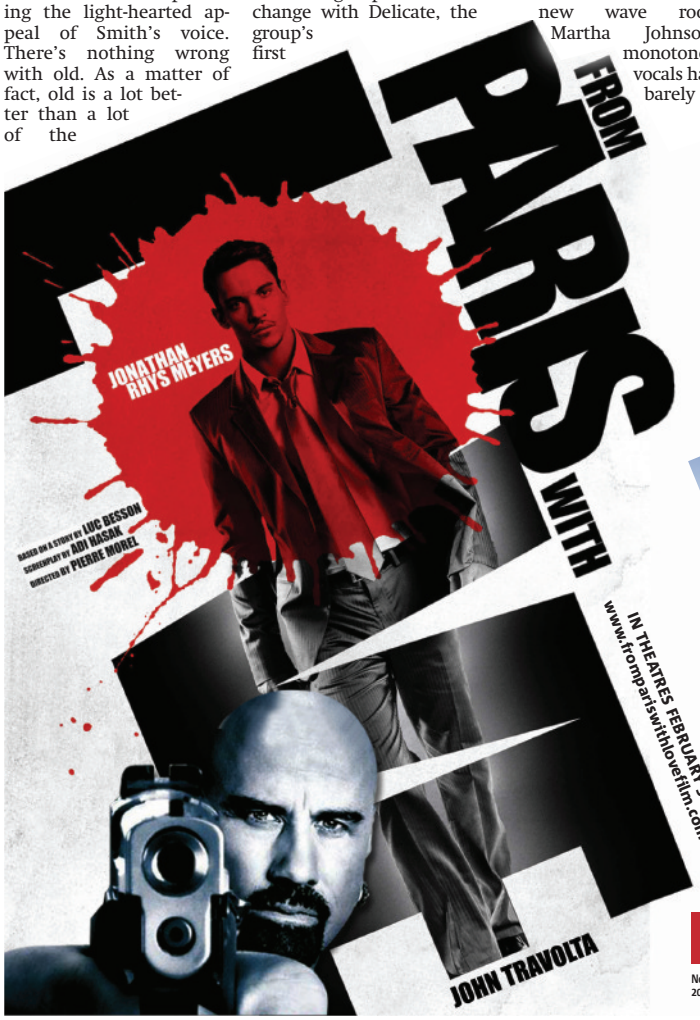

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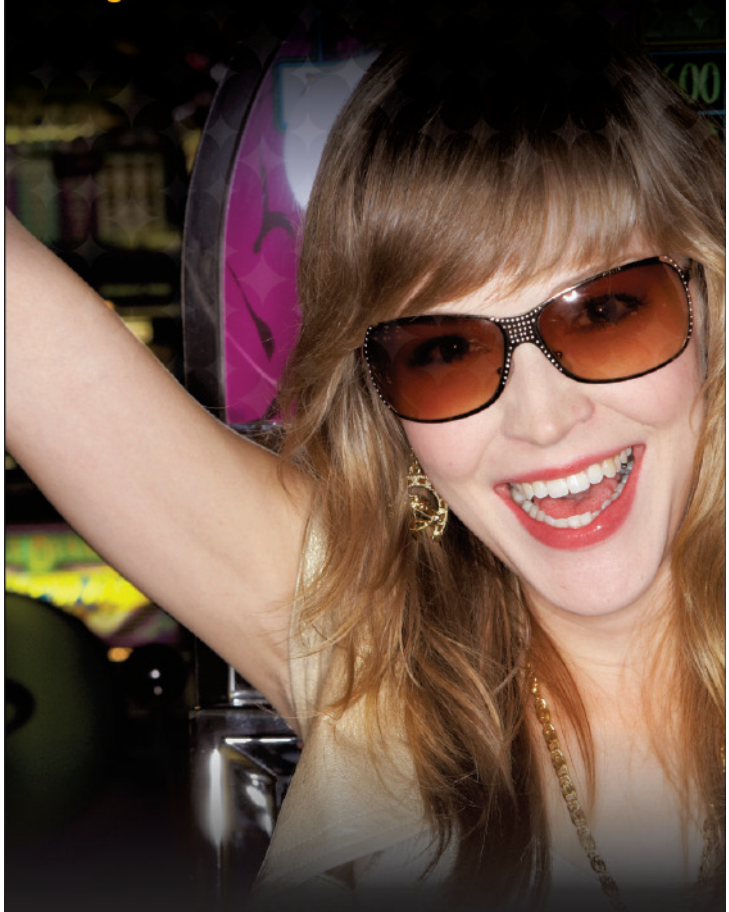

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Mötley a more clean-cut Crüe

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They may have had their hands on more pharmaceuticals than Pfizer, enough brawls to embarrass Ultimate Fighters and boast rap sheets longer than Al Capone but there's one thing legendary brash rock 'n' rollers Mötley Crüe just can't seem to face.

The cold.

"Me and my Chuck Taylors with holes in them aren't gonna fare well up there," jokes bassist Nikki Sixx about the band's forthcoming cross-Canada Dead Of Winter Tour.

"We think the title is funny. We were talking about going up there because we love Canada. Someone said, 'Yeah, right in the dead of winter.' There you go! That's the name of the tour!"

Despite decades of portrayal as a gruff, leather-clad naughty boy, Sixx is quite the charmer. Out to ensure this tour is packed to the rafters, he wisely addresses Canada's inherent identity crisis with carefully chosen words.

Discussing why Mötley Crüe (completed by guitarist Mick Mars, singer Vince Neil and drummer Tommy Lee) would bother to cross our country at the worst possible time, he pours it on thicker than molasses in, well, January.

"Canadian fans have been our best fans, influential worldwide about people being aware of the resurrection of Mötley Crüe all the way back to 2004. Even in the old days, you were instrumental in writing fan mail, calling radio stations and getting our name out there."

Speaking of dedication, Sixx is quick to point out that despite The Crüe's raucous image and well-documented in-fighting that has resulted in many break-ups and solitary departures (via their shocking 2001 biography The Dirt), the Dead Of Winter Tour finds one of modern rock's most decadent, debaucherous and dysfunctional bands surprisingly copacetic.

Mötley Crüe are currently on their Canadian Dead Of Winter Tour

"We have our ups and downs but we love each other. It took time (because) you're in a marriage. At first, you're madly in love and then all of a sudden the other person squeezes the toothpaste tube from the middle instead of the bottom and you hate them."

Nikki Sixx

"We were just in rehearsals. Everyone pulls up, hugs each other and someone asks what to start with. 'How about, Doctor Feelgood?' 'Ok, then we'll end with Shout At The Devil.' We run through 20 songs, sit down and have a laugh, then we go home. That's it? That's all the drama? The drama lives in fable; in books and in folklore.

"We have our ups and downs but we love each other," he continues. "It took time (because) you're in a marriage. At first, you're madly in love and then all of a sudden the other person squeezes the toothpaste tube from the middle instead of the bottom and you hate them.

"After a while of living with them, you learn to let little things go and then you fall back in love with them."

So while attitudes within the Crüe camp have warmed up, Sixx admits that it's not enough to get them through The Great White North.

That's why they've created their own retaliation to winter chill. "We're gonna give you two things," he laughs.

"Loud, dirty rock 'n' roll and a lot of pyro to heat up the place. We'll need it because it's so effin' cold up there."

Michael Jackson doc to be arraigned: Source

LEGAL A source tells The Associated Press Michael Jackson's doctor, Dr. Conrad Murray, is set to be arraigned tomorrow afternoon at a courthouse near Los Angeles International Airport, according to a person familiar with the planning but who declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Prosecutors have declined to say when or whether they will charge Murray.

Two law enforcement sources have told the AP that prosecutors plan to charge Murray with involuntary manslaughter.

The officials requested anonymity because they are not authorized to publicly discuss the case.

Murray and his legal team said yesterday they have not received word about a decision from the district attorney. Attorney Ed Chernoff says his client will surrender if charged.

Murray told police he administered Jackson a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives shortly before the singer's death June 25.

Murray maintains nothing he gave Jackson should have killed him. "I haven't received any phone call from anybody asking for the doctor to surrender," Chernoff said. "If we get the call, we'll be happy to."

Jackson, 50, hired Murray to be his personal physician as he prepared for a strenuous series of comeback performances in London.

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Murray in default on debt: Judge

- A judge in Las Vegas has found Michael Jackson's former doctor in default on a nearly $132,000 debt related to office medical equipment and services.
- Dr. Conrad Murray failed to appear in Clark County District Court yesterday before Judge Michael Villani found him in default and awarded a judgment to Digirad Imaging Solutions.

Valentine menus

West Vancouver restaurants Crave Beachside (1362 Marine Dr, West Van) and Fraîche (2240 Chippendale Rd) are both offering special Valentine's menus for $45 and $125 respectively. Visit craverestaurants.com/beachside or fraicherestaurant.ca for details. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Urban Foodie

5 restaurants for lovers—of food

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Say "Valentine's Day" and certain restaurant names can't help springing to mind. But for those with a lust for something off the beaten tastes, here are some places that dish out love with every gutsy bite. Just don't forget it's a busy month, so make your reservations earlier rather than later.

Chicken liver and cognac terrine at Au Petit Chavignol

Mis Trucos

Hidden away in a heritage house on Davie Street, Mis Trucos is easy to miss, but it's worth the hunt, for what awaits you inside is a culinary wet dream. Chef Kris Barnholden's inventive three-bites-large tapas range from the frothy foie gras mousse ($3.20) to the hedonistic wild venison tartar on toasted brioche with truffle and slow-cooked quail's egg ($3.70). Larger plates include the perfectly cured arctic char with smoked caviar ($9) and the white truffle and lobster risotto with crème fraîche ($16). For dessert, try the poached pear with almond financier ($6) or Manchego cheese plate, and then go home before you eat too much.

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Wild Rice

Feb. 14 marks the start of the Year of the Tiger, as well as Valentine's Day, and Wild Rice is celebrating both in its typical, Zen, modern Chinese way. Most plates are made to share, but specialities like the Fraser Valley lamb pot stickers with truffled pea puree ($10), or the pan-roasted Haida Gwaii sockeye ($19) might cause forkfights. Or you can choose the special four-course Year of the Tiger menu for $40 and feast on tiger-stripe sui mai, tiger rolls, and tiger beer-marinated bison flat iron steak. Wild Rice has always been a dairy-free establishment, so there are many options for vegans and their lovers as well.

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There isn't much in this world that screams "lust" more than Au Petit's chicken liver and cognac terrine with apricot preserves ($9). Well, maybe the raclettes, or the fondues, or the pâtés, or the freshly-shaved slices of Iberico ham … you get the idea. Pair a selection of fresh bread, soft cheeses and rich terrines with anything off the wine list (they'll do anything by the glass if you order two) and smear, wipe and chew to your mouth's content. For something hot, try the luscious croque madame. For light eaters, Au Petit is offering a special Valentine's menu, $40 for two people, which includes soup or salad, cheese fondue for two, and warm chocolate cookies for dessert.

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On the western edge of West 4 Avenue sits the tiny Italian trattoria that serves up tremendous flavours. With a menu that changes weekly, the only constant is the mouth-watering quality of each dish, and the care with which it is prepared. Gorgonzola soufflé with walnut sauce ($11), spaghetti with smoked pork cheek ($12) and chocolate bunet ($8) are a few things to save space for, or you might want to dine 'alla famiglia' and have either five courses for $40 or nine courses for $59, all based on what's made fresh that day. The nine-course option includes their made-to-order risotto.

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The Mentalist

At least the killer has good taste in wheels. Patrick (Simon Baker) and the team are called in when a car saleswoman's body is found stuffed into the trunk of a Bentley in her dealership's showroom. Robin Tunney, Tim Kang and Owain Yeoman also star in the new episode "Redline." 10 PM on CBS CTV

Hyper Parents & Coddled Kids

In North America, they're called "helicopter parents" for the way they hover. In Sweden, they're "curling parents," sweeping the metaphorical ice for their kids. No matter what you call it, over-involved and overprotective parenting could backfire big-time, according to this documentary. Among others, you'll meet former "hyper parent" Carl Honore, author of "Under Pressure," and a mom who throws a $4,000 party for her daughter's first birthday. 9 PM on CBC

He put a ring on it

Ahead of the Valentine's Day rush, Beverly Hills, 90210's Ian Ziering has changed his Facebook status from being "in a relationship" to "engaged." "Her name is Erin Kristine Ludwig," Ziering, 45, tells People magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Gearing up for rehab

A JUDGE SMACK DOWN Redmond O'Neal has vowed to turn his life around, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The troubled 25-year-old son of Ryan O'Neal and late actress Farrah Fawcett penned a note promising to leave his "old ideas behind" as he was released from jail on drug offences and moved to a residential treatment centre on Tuesday.

The note, obtained by website Radar Online, said, "My plan is to go back with a new attitude and leave my old ideas behind. I am committed to doing this thing."

On Tuesday, Judge Michael Tynan gave Redmond another chance to put his life back together, by allowing him to be returned to Impact, a residential treatment centre in Pasadena, where he has previously been treated.

The judge said, "The plan for you is severe, and justifiably so. We all want you to do well, but it's up to you."

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Brittany's bash cancelled

WHY DOES THIS WHOLE THING FEEL SO DARN DODGY? A charity event to honour Brittany Murphy and raise money for the new Brittany Murphy Foundation scheduled for yesterday evening was mysteriously cancelled earlier this week by Murphy's husband, Simon Monjack, according to TMZ.

While Monjack reportedly insists the event was simply postponed, a call to the Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts, where it was to take place, doesn't reveal any rescheduling information, and an e-mail to guests reads, "So sorry but the memorial has been canceled due to an illness in the family." Monjack was reporting soliciting $1,000 in donations from each guest.

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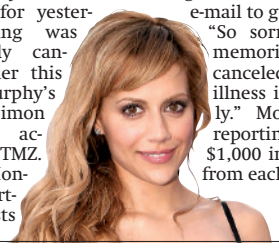

Johnalina doesn't really work

BUT WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO 'DISCUSS HIS ACTING METHOD'? While Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may be quietly ignoring breakup rumours, one source says that she's already moved on and has set her sights on Johnny Depp, who she'll be co-starring with in The Tourist.

In preparation, Jolie has reportedly insisted on meeting with Depp at his L.A. home to "discuss his acting method," a source tells Star magazine. "She's already spent hours there drinking red wine with Johnny," the source says, adding that she's also been bombarding him with flirty e-mails and phone calls.

They begin filming in Venice at the end of February, and "Angie told Brad she's going to Italy without him," the source adds.

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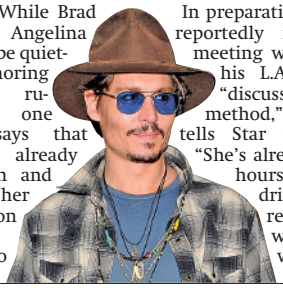

Reese wants a piece

OF DELICIOUS BUTT-LER While getting over Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon has allegedly been seeing Gerard Butler and keeping it very, very quiet, according to Star magazine.

Though Butler was recently linked to co-star Jennifer Aniston, sources tell the magazine that he and Witherspoon have been "hooking up" privately for some time now.

According to the report, Witherspoon just sees it as a fling, and both are happy just having fun.

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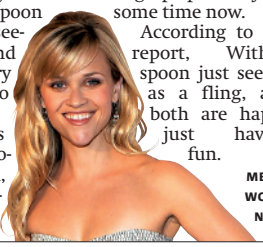

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CelebTweets

DAVID SPADE wants to clear some things up, **KIRSTIE ALLEY** doesn't appreciate her company, **JIM CARREY** has figured out his place in the world, and **SANDRA BERNHARD** doesn't have high hopes for Barbie.

@davidspade i was kidding when tmz asked me my favorite dinner was and i said spaghetti and 8 balls. just so evryone knows. it just sounded funny to me

@kirstiealley Did someone open the gates of hell and unleash all the psychos this week? I never believed in that full moon stuff until now.go home crazies

@JimCarrey television is weirdos judging weirdos viewed by weirdos who are just glad there are weirder weirdos out there. like me DAMN IT!

@SandraBernhard barbies next career a bag screener at jfk

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Leaving fatherhood up to fate

LUCKILY THERE ARE THESE NEW FANGLED THINGS CALLED CONDOMS Leonardo DiCaprio isn't opposed to becoming a father, but he's not in any hurry.

"I'm not that old, my biological clock isn't ticking yet. I'd like to leave it to fate if and when I'm going to be a father. A part of me has too many professional plans to even seriously consider it," he tells Germany's OK! Magazine.

"In this business nothing is as dangerous and as feared as loneliness," he says.

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Stars hitting the highest notes for Haiti

LET'S HOPE IT HELPS Help for Haiti after last month's devastating earthquake continues to pour in from Hollywood.

While Celine Dion and Wyclef Jean joined an all-star cast to record a new version of We Are the World earlier this week, Simon Cowell reportedly put together a celebrity charity single of his own, recruiting Robbie Williams, Leona Lewis, Rod Stewart and others to sing REM's Everybody Hurts.

And Jennifer Aniston is joining forces with AmeriCares to host a benefit screening of The Last Station, complete with post-screening cocktails and a chat with director Michael Hoffman, according to Hollyscoop.

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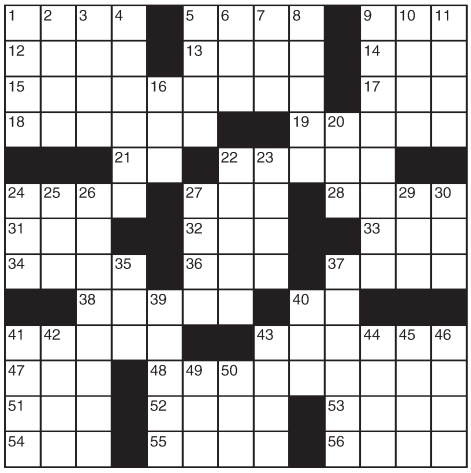

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17 Tear
18 "Oops! I Did It Again" singer
19 Vile
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27 By way of
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31 Underwear with underwire
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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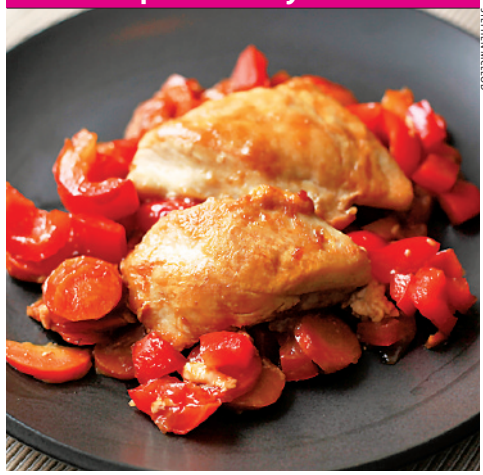
Metro Recipe of the Day



STEPHEN MCLEOD

Sweet Orange Chicken Stir Fry

Submitted by Debra Bashford, Cherry Valley, Ont.

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp water
2 tsp cornstarch
1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs quartered
3/4 cup thinly sliced carrots
1/4 cup chopped red pepper
3/4 cup orange juice
1 tbsp brown sugar
2 tsp balsamic vinegar
2 Tsp hoisin sauce
salt & pepper to taste

METHOD:

1. Stir water into cornstarch in small cup. Set aside.
2. Heat large frying pan or wok on medium-high until very hot. Add cooking oil. Add chicken. Stir-fry for about 5 minutes until browned. Add carrots and peppers.
3. Combine orange juice, brown sugar, balsamic, hoisin sauce and salt and pepper in a small bowl.
4. Add to chicken mixture. Stir. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, covered, for about 6 minutes until chicken is no longer pink inside and veggies are tender crisp.
5. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Heat and stir for about 1 minute until thickened.

SERVES 4
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 10 MINUTES

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TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You should stop trying to control everything that happens and let fate guide you in a more profitable direction.

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MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may live more in the head than the heart but today's cosmic influences suggest you will be softer and gentler than usual.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Try not to be quite so distrustful today. If someone approaches you with an idea don't turn them away — listen carefully to what they have to say.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Something will happen over the next few days that makes all your current plans redundant, so why force yourself to do things you don't enjoy?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You will be in an unusually forgiving mood today: you cannot be bothered to make an issue of things.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You will be open to alternative viewpoints today, even if you are one of those Librans who take it as a personal insult when other people disagree with you.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Today's cosmic influences urge you to give up resisting what is going to happen whether you like it or not.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Are you living up to the image you have in your mind of who and what you should be? If the answer is No, now is the time to do something about it.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
If you find it difficult to get excited about the task that is in front of you it probably means you should be doing something else.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
All your fears and anxieties will seem irrelevant today and you will feel a great sense of mental and emotional completeness.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You are an extremely sensitive person and that sensitivity will serve you well today, especially if you have to work out why someone is acting so strangely.

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